

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 18, 2005**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy was held on November 18, 2005 at the Secretary of State Professional Licensing Boards Division, Testing Center, Building B, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

Members Present:

Kendyl R. Brock, OTR/L, CHT, President
Kathleen H. Conyers, OTR/L, Vice President
Donna J. Domyslawski, OTR/L
Mary Louise Austin, Consumer
Karen L. Cadaret, COTA/L

Absent:

Others Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director	Serena Gadson, Application Specialist
Yvonne LeSane, Board Secretary	Wylencia Monroe, Asst. Atty. General
Kathy Harvey, Enforcement	Bikram, Mohanty, GOTA Liaison
Kim McKay, I.T. Unit	Devony Sanders, I.T. Unit

Ms. Brock established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Ms. Cadaret moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2)&(4), O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(1)(2), O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(4) and O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1) to deliberate on Investigations, Applications and Attorney General's Report and to receive information on Investigations, Applications and Attorney General's Report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members Brock, Domyslawski, Cadaret, Austin and Conyers. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and revised.

Minutes: Ms. Domyslawski moved, Ms. Austin seconded and the Board voted to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2005: As amended, September 21, 2005: Approved, September 28, 2005: Approved.

Correspondence:

The Board considered the following correspondence and matters of interest:

Anthony Papp: Can the Board offer/suggest a distance learning means to fulfill the ethics requirement? **Board Response:** On-line courses are available.

Rose Mary Martin: How can I obtain information on Georgia laws/rules on the Code of Ethics? I would like to develop a continuing education opportunity for my staff. **Board Response:** The laws and rules are available at the Board's website: www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/ot. Ethical guidelines for all occupational therapists are available from the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). There are also other excellent references: Kornblau, Starling.

Chad Lewis: Does my attending the Physician's Asst. Program at the Medical College of GA count towards my continuing education or defers it by any means? **Board Response:** If the coursework is related to occupational therapy, it may be acceptable. In case of an audit you will need to furnish the course outline, timeline, topic outline.

Jennifer Thompson: I would like verification on continuing education requirements: **1)** A license issued the second year of the biennium is not required to meet continuing education requirements. **2)** Is this correct: After 3/1/06 I have to complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education including 2+ hours of ethics and 16 hours of hands on patient care, etc. **Board Response:** **1 & 2)** This is correct.

Kimbra Solomon: **1)** Where can I obtain policy and procedures on OT/OTA practice in the school system? **2)** Because OT is a related service, do we need a Dr.'s order to bill for Medicaid? **3)** Is there a ceiling on the number of students seen daily? **4)** Is there a percentage a COTA should be supervised in the school system? **5)** Are COTA's allowed to perform arenas/pre-K testing/eval.? **Board Response:** **1)** This is not in the Georgia law, please check the National Associations. **2)** Please refer to the occupational therapy rule on Direct Access. **3)** Refer to the school board's policy and procedure. **4)** Please refer to the occupational therapy rule on supervision. **5)** Please refer to the practice act for guidelines.

Kevin Cooper: **1)** How many hours of supervision does a COTA need in the school system. **2)** Does the OT need to work full time to supervise or is part time and PRN acceptable? **3)** Can a COTA attend an IEP meeting without the OT being present? **Board Response:** Please refer to the following law and rules in answer to your queries: law 43-28-3(7), rules 671-2-.04 and 671-2-.02.

Lee Tracey, E.D., Speech: Meeting with the Speech, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Boards with Speech President, Winn Hill in Atlanta.

Board Response: Invite Speech and Physical Therapy to the next Occupational Therapy Board meeting, January 2006.

Kimberly R. Gunby: Is it necessary to have a Dr.'s referral for all children receiving OT services? **Board Response:** Please refer to the occupational therapy rule on Direct Access.

Janice Loschert: The Endorsement Application requires I submit 2 OT references for which I am unable to obtain. I worked closely with registered nurses and exercise physiologists? **Board Response:** Apply for licensure in Georgia and request a waiver. The form can be found at the Board's website: www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/ot.

Susan Wise: I am a COTA and would like to know the rules for treating pediatrics: Can I treat a child in a private clinic with an OTR onsite. Are there restrictions on private vs. Medicaid insurance? **Board Response:** Please contact the insurance carriers for requirement.

Kerri Lively: Is continuing education hours given for taking/passing the certified hand exam? **Board Response:** No there is not.

Rhonda Sheppard: **1)** Can a licensed GA occupational therapist evaluate without a prescription from the doctor. **2)** Is it necessary to have a prescription to Evaluate and Treat: **Board Response:** **1)** Yes, they can evaluate without prescription, however, you may also wish to inquire of your payor.

Amanda Jackson: Can I treat a patient under a German Orthopedic surgeon's referral? **Board Response:** Occupational Therapy law does not state, however you may wish to inquire of the payor before treatment.

2006 Board Meeting Dates:

Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to accept the meeting dates as follows:

January 20, 2006
March 17, 2006
May 19, 2006
July 21, 2006
September 22, 2006
November 17, 2006

Probation Report:

Denise Marie Lorren: Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and Board voted to accept the required additional four (4) hours of continuing education submitted. The Board suggests review of the AOTA guidelines for Ethics.

Mary Tebo-Grimes: Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to release from probation.

Cassandra Thorne: Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to forward a letter of non-compliance and request submission of continuing education by the Board's next meeting, January 20, 2006.

I.T. Unit Presentation:

Ms. McKay and Ms. Sanders presented slides of the updated website.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Zimmerman provided the Board with information on the following:

- Board Policy to release investigative files to other state agencies and law enforcement.

Board Policy:

Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to release Enforcement files, as requested, to other State Regulatory Boards and Law Enforcement only.

Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to request the Attorney General's office to research the history of limited Physical Agent Modalities certification previous to All Modalities certification licensure.

Ms. Monroe discussed her memorandum to the Board on the American Occupational Therapy Association Code of Ethics. Ms. Monroe advised the Board that adopting another's Code of Ethics is not permissible by Georgia Occupational Therapy law. The Board agreed to create their own Code of Ethics and bring to the next Board meeting.

Brenda Johnson: Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to accept the Initial Decision.

Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Austin seconded

Enforcement Report:

OT050010: Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to close.

OT050012: Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to close.

Cognizant Member's Report:

OT060001: Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to close.

OT060004: Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to close.

OT060005: Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to close.

OT060006: Ms. Conyers moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to close.

OT060002/3: Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Cadaret seconded and the Board voted to forward to Enforcement.

Waiver Request:

Donna B. Sherman: Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Austin seconded and the Board voted to accept the Request For Waiver with an eight (8) hour on-line condition.

Applications:

Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Restoration:

Roger Bannon
P.L.B.

Approved
Approved upon receipt of acceptable documentation

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Wendy Marie Dubner	Approved
Berline Michel	Approved
Karla Ann Moore	Approved
M. H.(L).	Counteroffer denied. Pending signed consent order within 30 days. Mr. Zimmerman may sign for Kendyl Brock, President.

Ms. Austin moved and Ms. Domyslawski seconded and the Board voted to take the following actions on Certifications of Physical Agent Modalities:

Olivia J. Williams	Approved
Levonnie L. Smith	Approved
Autumn R. Stolz	Approved
Tarah N. Holman	Approved
Deepak R. Satam	Approved
Sarah R. Broton	Approved
Stacey R. Cowart	Approved
J.M.A.	Approved upon receipt of additional documentation
Stacey E. Sealscott	Approved
Aida Lawsin	Approved
Joshua D. Reissing	Approved
EITegra Cowart	Approved
Paula Rothfeld	Approved

Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to approve the following reinstatements determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Licensee Name	Profession	Issue Date
OT001276	Jarvis, Beatrice E.	Occupational Therapist	7/12/2005
OTA000374	Hardy, Danetta L.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	7/22/2005
OT003284	Broyld, Kelley L.	Occupational Therapist	7/22/2005
OT002835	Wood, Claire C.	Occupational Therapist	10/13/2005

Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to approve the issuance of letters of authority as follows:

Name	Profession	Issue Date
Bryant, Jason	Occupational Therapy Assistant	7/26/2005
Helms, Tonya A.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	7/29/2005
Erdman, Erin LeeAnn	Occupational Therapist	7/29/2005
Hankins, Ronda	Occupational Therapy Assistant	8/8/2005
Maryman, Tasha V.	Occupational Therapist	8/8/2005
Lewis, Rebecca Day	Occupational Therapist	8/18/2005
Molley, Amy D.	Occupational Therapist	8/26/2005
Empert, Jamie Elizabeth	Occupational Therapist	8/26/2005
Eckler, Katherine M.	Occupational Therapist	8/26/2005
Dewey, Lauren S.	Occupational Therapist	8/26/2005
Brown, Allison L.	Occupational Therapist	8/26/2005
Eaton III, Edward F.	Occupational Therapist	8/29/2005
Pendleton, Alicia Ann	Occupational Therapist	9/2/2005

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Dennis, Aleslie	Occupational Therapist	9/6/2005
Reece, Julia	Occupational Therapist	9/29/2005
LaCount, Keitoria R.	Occupational Therapist	10/11/2005
Beaty, Barbara S.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/21/2005
Belcher, Veneka S.	Occupational Therapist	10/26/2005
Scott, Natalie S.	Occupational Therapist	11/8/2005
Wessels, Benjamin D.	Occupational Therapist	11/17/2005

Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for Occupational Therapy Assistant licensure by application determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Licensee Name	Profession	Issue Date
OTA000881	Coleman, Mary Elizabeth	Occupational Therapy Assistant	7/26/2005
OTA000882	Garzone, Kim Ceresse	Occupational Therapy Assistant	7/29/2005
OTA000883	Fernandez, Digna J.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	7/29/2005
OTA000884	Caldwell, Lori Suzanne	Occupational Therapy Assistant	8/18/2005
OTA000885	French, Nalena A.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	8/18/2005
OTA000886	Kinard, Stephanie S.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	8/18/2005
OTA000887	Roberts, Yvonne C.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	8/26/2005
OTA000888	Thompson, Gloria I.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	8/26/2005
OTA000889	Chancey, Adria B.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	8/30/2005
OTA000890	Croft, Niki Danielle	Occupational Therapy Assistant	8/30/2005
OTA000891	Hullender, Laura S.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	8/30/2005
OTA000892	Helms, Tonya A.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	9/14/2005
OTA000893	Anthony, Jacleen	Occupational Therapy Assistant	9/14/2005
OTA000894	Bessman, Jennifer Ruth	Occupational Therapy Assistant	9/22/2005
OTA000895	Gombos, Elizabeth C.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	9/23/2005
OTA000896	Mike, Charles Edward	Occupational Therapy Assistant	9/29/2005
OTA000897	Thompson, Patricia L.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/5/2005
OTA000898	Herndon, Kimberly A.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/5/2005
OTA000899	Evans, Allison Angela	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/5/2005
OTA000900	Broadrick, Elizabeth S.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/11/2005
OTA000901	Maddox, Daphne Lane	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/13/2005
OTA000902	Pokryfka, Lorene Ruth	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/21/2005
OTA000903	Repasky, Donna Lynn	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/26/2005
OTA000904	Pichon, Sarah Lauren	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/26/2005
OTA000905	Hankins, Ronda F.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/26/2005
OTA000906	Felchlin, Mary Katherine	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/31/2005
OTA000907	Vander Roest, Sara E.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	11/9/2005
OTA000908	Williams, Pamela L.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	11/10/2005
OTA000909	McNulty, Lawanda P.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	11/10/2005
OTA000910	Johnson, Tomisty Markita	Occupational Therapy Assistant	11/10/2005
OTA000911	Thorpe, Benjamin Bryan	Occupational Therapy Assistant	11/10/2005
OTA000912	Brummett, Angela A.	Occupational Therapy Assistant	11/17/2005

Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Conyers seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for Occupational Therapist licensure by application determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

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OT004200	Schoeneck, Lynn Helen	Occupational Therapist	7/5/2005
OT004201	Weatherford, April Gayle	Occupational Therapist	7/5/2005
OT004202	Nguyen, Diem Thi Huyen	Occupational Therapist	7/6/2005
OT004203	Jones, Crystal Ebony	Occupational Therapist	7/12/2005
OT004204	Bethea, Avis Tava	Occupational Therapist	7/12/2005
OT004205	Eady, Stacie Lynn	Occupational Therapist	7/12/2005
OT004206	Rothfeld, Paula Lee	Occupational Therapist	7/12/2005
OT004207	Cooper, Kristen Hilles	Occupational Therapist	7/19/2005
OT004208	Stauffer, Molly Carlisle	Occupational Therapist	7/26/2005
OT004209	Wozniuk, Jena Lee	Occupational Therapist	7/29/2005
OT004210	Hand, Derrick Robert	Occupational Therapist	7/29/2005
OT004211	Kenny, Jeanine Louise	Occupational Therapist	7/29/2005
OT004212	Raymond, Dana Jill	Occupational Therapist	7/29/2005
OT004213	DeMerchant, Aaron Douglas	Occupational Therapist	7/29/2005
OT004214	Morton, Alisha Nicole	Occupational Therapist	8/8/2005
OT004215	Simpson, Carolyn Klees	Occupational Therapist	8/8/2005
OT004216	Thompson, Jenniver Lyn	Occupational Therapist	8/8/2005
OT004217	Secrest, Debra S.	Occupational Therapist	8/8/2005
OT004218	Stubbs, Sharon Lynn	Occupational Therapist	8/18/2005
OT004219	Beckler, Myra Eileen	Occupational Therapist	8/18/2005
OT004220	Wilkins, Timmonica A.	Occupational Therapist	8/19/2005
OT004221	Sumlin, Shavonna Renee	Occupational Therapist	8/26/2005
OT004222	Lawrence, Margaret Elizabeth	Occupational Therapist	8/26/2005
OT004223	Cowart, Stacey Renee	Occupational Therapist	8/26/2005
OT004224	Gornowicz, Aron Alan	Occupational Therapist	8/26/2005
OT004225	Gumayagay, Aldwin N.	Occupational Therapist	8/30/2005
OT004226	Messina, Edith Louise	Occupational Therapist	8/30/2005
OT004227	Barton, Jennifer Mary	Occupational Therapist	9/2/2005
OT004228	Nesbitt, Yvonne Swayne	Occupational Therapist	9/2/2005
OT004229	Holly, Berrie Kay	Occupational Therapist	9/2/2005
OT004230	Hudec, Pamela J.	Occupational Therapist	9/13/2005
OT004231	Porter, Angela Lynn	Occupational Therapist	9/14/2005
OT004232	Roberts, Jonathan T.	Occupational Therapist	9/14/2005
OT004233	Terey, Melissa Kay	Occupational Therapist	9/14/2005
OT004234	Tyagi, Sanjna	Occupational Therapist	9/14/2005
OT004235	Geick, Karen Susan	Occupational Therapist	9/14/2005
OT004236	Allen, Cynthia Pascual	Occupational Therapist	9/22/2005
OT004237	Hardcopf-Bickley, Jan Gail	Occupational Therapist	9/26/2005
OT004238	Keller, Katherine Mary	Occupational Therapist	9/28/2005
OT004239	Beverly, Erica Rhonda	Occupational Therapist	9/28/2005
OT004240	Archie, Trinity Nicole	Occupational Therapist	9/28/2005
OT004241	Johnson, Katie Alison	Occupational Therapist	9/28/2005
OT004242	Strickland, Kimberly Hubbard	Occupational Therapist	9/29/2005
OT004243	Punzal, Harold Famador	Occupational Therapist	9/29/2005
OT004244	Erdman, Erin LeeAnn	Occupational Therapist	10/5/2005
OT004245	Varnes, Melissa Ann	Occupational Therapist	10/5/2005
OT004246	Empert, Jamie Elizabeth	Occupational Therapist	10/5/2005
OT004247	Dewey, Lauren Shaw	Occupational Therapist	10/5/2005
OT004248	Brown, Allison Lauren	Occupational Therapist	10/5/2005
OT004249	Eaton III, Edward Francis	Occupational Therapist	10/5/2005
OT004250	Colley, Stacy Lynn	Occupational Therapist	10/11/2005
OT004251	Zeman, Roberta Ann	Occupational Therapist	10/11/2005
OT004252	Wright, Bonnie L.	Occupational Therapist	10/11/2005

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OT004253	Yaun, Jennifer Leigh	Occupational Therapist	10/11/2005
OT004254	Reyes, Jose Amado L.	Occupational Therapist	10/11/2005
OT004255	Moore, Melanie	Occupational Therapist	10/12/2005
OT004256	Eckler, Katherine M.	Occupational Therapist	10/12/2005
OT004257	Tan, Winright Dominic	Occupational Therapist	10/12/2005
OT004258	Sealscott, Stacey Elizabeth	Occupational Therapist	10/13/2005
OT004259	Leap, Christina Carol	Occupational Therapist	10/13/2005
OT004260	Taylor, Candra S.	Occupational Therapist	10/14/2005
OT004261	Ackal, Michelle C.	Occupational Therapist	10/18/2005
OT004262	Jackson, Lucia Elise	Occupational Therapist	10/18/2005
OT004263	Denton, Phyllis N.	Occupational Therapist	10/26/2005
OT004264	Robertson, Jacqueline Sue	Occupational Therapist	10/26/2005
OT004265	Medlin, Tracy Ann	Occupational Therapist	10/26/2005
OT004266	Lies, Linda Ann	Occupational Therapist	11/1/2005
OT004267	Ruffin, Tameika S.	Occupational Therapist	11/9/2005
OT004268	Roach, Heather B.	Occupational Therapist	11/9/2005
OT004269	Day-Lewis, Rebecca	Occupational Therapist	11/10/2005
OT004270	Williams, Jakara Marie	Occupational Therapist	11/10/2005
OT004271	Geck, Tracy Elaine	Occupational Therapist	11/10/2005
OT004272	Johnson, Bridgett Lynette	Occupational Therapist	11/10/2005

Ms. Domyslawski moved and Ms. Austin seconded and the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Yvonne LeSane, Board Secretary

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Kendyl Brock, President

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director